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Section	8	Eligibility for a certificate of approval (N.J.A.C. 10:121A-1.8)	

§10:121A-1.8 Eligibility for a certificate of approval

(a) Any public or private non-profit firm, partnership, corporation, association, or agency located within or outside the State of New Jersey that provides adoption services to families in New Jersey or to children from New Jersey, whether as part or all of its function, shall secure and maintain a certificate of approval. Adoption services shall include any one or combination of the following:

1. Pre-placement services for children;
2. Home studies;
3. Placement services;
4. Post-placement services; and/or
5. Post-adoption services.

(b) The following are not subject to certification requirements under the law:

1. Foster care programs, unless operated as a support to, or as an integral part of the agency's adoption program, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:121A-1.6;
2. Self-help or support groups that operate independent of an agency and provide adoption-related information and/or supportive peer assistance to members;
3. Lawyers, law offices or legal services offices that provide only legal services as permitted under the law and court rules;
4. Agencies, organizations or independent professionals that do not place children for adoption, but provide social work services, mental health, family services or similar services, to the general public, including adoptive families who may choose to use their services; and
5. Unpaid intermediaries, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:121A-1.6.

